

Your plans to relax once again media ownership restrictions must be viewed as yet another attempt to limit competition and further consolidate media influence in the hands of only a few wealthy Americans.

I realize this opportunity you offer for the public to respond is the regulatory equivalent of the throw-down weapon, a tool, like the unregistered handgun that always appears at the scene of a suspicious deadly force incident, allows you to say you've consulted with "the people" before you proceed with impunity.

Truth is, the FCC's spine is as weak as the justice department's. We thump our chests over victories against "terrorism" while special interests (i.e., shareholders and big-business Republicans, though that is redundant) bring shame to the democracy and the capitalist construct of competition.

You share the shame for even considering this action.